

KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION PUBLIC FORUM

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2006

Capitol Annex Room 113

Frankfort, Kentucky

EQC Commissioners Present

Lindell Ormsbee, Chair

Gordon Garner, Vice Chair

Laura Knoth

Eugene Zick

Andrew Ernest

Karen Deaton

Speakers/Representatives Present

Karen Wilson, Policy Advisor to the Secretary

R. Bruce Scott, Director, Division of Waste Management

Rob Daniel, Division of Waste Management--UST

Paul Rothman, Division of Mine Reclamation

Commissioners Absent

Rebecca Farris

EQC Staff Present

Jo Hargis, Executive Director

Frances Kirchhoff, Executive Secretary

Johnna McHugh, Director of Operations

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held its quarterly meeting on June 8, 2006. There were approximately ten present in the audience. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lindell Ormsbee.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2006 meeting. Eugene Zick made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Laura Knoth. With one grammatical correction, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Ormsbee next introduced Karen Wilson with the Office of the Secretary. Ms. Wilson gave a brief summary of the bills that affected the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet in the 2006 Legislation session.

Dr. Ormsbee next introduced Bruce Scott and Rob Daniels of the Division of Waste Management. Bruce Scott, Director of Waste Management, gave some history regarding changes within the Division. The Petroleum Storage Tank and Environmental Assurance Fund (AKA the Fund in the former Public Protection Cabinet) merged with the Underground Storage Tank Branch (AKA UST in the Waste Management Branch of the former Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet) in an attempt to bring about efficiencies programmatically and monetarily. For the past two years, Rob Daniels and his staff have been working to combine the two former units into one comprehensive package to streamline the entire process. Mr. Daniels gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the regulation changes in more detail. These proposed regulations were tabled for action pending the statement of considerations. After discussion, the Chair suggested the Executive Director, Jo Hargis, draft a letter of support for these regulation changes that includes EQC's concerns about the continued diversion of funds for these programs. Additionally, the Division of Waste Management asked that EQC show support for an assessment of the costs for double-wall tanks. The Chair agreed to add additional language supporting cost

assessments for double-wall tanks. The statement of consideration will be sent to the EQC's Executive Director and sent to the Commissioners before the next EQC meeting.

Next, the Chair introduced Paul Rothman with the Division of Mine Reclamation. Mr. Rothman requested the Commission endorse the Statement of Mutual Intent for the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative. Gordon Garner made a motion that EQC support this initiative. The motion was seconded by Eugene Zick. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the resolution by the Commission concerning Mountaintop Removal Mining. After discussion, Andrew Ernest made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Eugene Zick. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Executive Director opened the floor for discussion of a date to have EQC's annual work session for the purpose of setting the 2007 meetings and topics. The dates of July 24 and 25 were possibilities for everyone present.

Another matter discussed was KRS 224.01-110 (7) that states that EQC must establish an Advisory Committee on Noise Control. The Commissioners asked the Executive Director to check into the need for the Committee and update the Commissioners of the findings.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Signed Lindell Ormsbee, Chair

Date